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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

Rick L. Keeth

United States of America
Department of Veterans Affairs

Case Number: 04-4163-CV-C-WAK

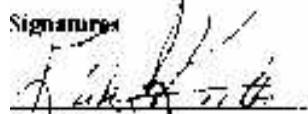
NOTIFICATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE ASSIGNMENT

This is to advise you that your case has been assigned to United States Magistrate William A Knox. Please indicate whether you consent to the exercise of jurisdiction by Magistrate Judge Knox or request that the case be assigned to a United States District Judge.

(PLEASE SIGN EITHER SECTION A OR B BELOW)

A. CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Rule 73, Fed.R.Civ.P., the undersigned waives the right to proceed before a United States District Judge and voluntarily consents to have United Magistrate Judge Knox conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including the trial, and order the entry of a final judgment.

Signatures	Printed Name	Party Represented	Date
	<u>Rick Keeth</u>	<u>Plaintiff</u>	<u>8/4/2004</u>
Defendant			

Unless all parties agree otherwise, any appeals in this case shall be taken to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Rule 73(c), Fed.R.Civ.P.

B. REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CASE TO DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned declines consent to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge and requests that the case be assigned to a United States District Judge.

Signatures	Printed Name	Party Represented	Date
<u>Plaintiff</u>			